VIRGINIA INDUSTRY AND PROSPERITY

(Continued from Eleventh Page.)

for these misfortunes, it must take into trade has been quite active from the early spring until after the Presidential election, thus keeping a plentiful supply of

money in circulation.

The catue, sheep and poultry trade tenstitute the main channel through which money comes into the county. When cattle are high money is easy in Carroll county, but when cattle are low

money is scarce.

Many of the merchants of the county companin of trade's having been dull and ansatisfactory, whilst others express themselves as being well satisfied with the year's work.
This difference, no doubt, is the result

of rivalry.

The cashier of the Citizens' Bank reports an unusually successful year for that institution.

The most favorable outlook for the fu-ture is the prospect of development in the copper mines next spring. This, however, is only in prospect.

LEXINGTON.

Farming Lands in Rockbridge Bring Advanced Prices. (Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LEXINGTON, VA., Dec. 31.-The closing year of the nineteenth century has

been a prosperous one for Lexington and Rockbridge county.

In the country farming lands have sold prices considerably in advance of former years. A large number of farms former years. A large number of tana-have been sold at prices ranging from a few thousand to \$20,000. In many instances the land has brought as much as \$50 per acre and sometimes more. Crops have been abundant and at good prices. More

per acre and sometimes more. Crops nave been abundant and at good prices. More and more attention is being turned to the raising of improved stock of all kinds. Several iron bridges have been constructed across streams in the county, notably one across the James river at Glenlee and one across the junction of Hays' and Walker's creeks.

In_Lexington' the business men and merchants report a greater volume of bisiness than last year by at least 25 per cent. Washington and Lee University and the Virginia Multary Institute show increased attendance. At both institutions new academic building have been creeted. The new owners of the flouring mills at Jordon's Point (East Lexington) are now making extensive improvements, so that the capacity will be increased to a daily output of 75 barrels of roller flour. A new wholesale grocery house will be opened here the first of the year.

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A complete telephone covers the county, much to the convenience of every-body. New poles are now being placed for the erection of the Long-Distance system.

The two banking institutions here are in splendid financial condition. The Bank of Rockbridge reports its capital stock at \$65,000, individual deposits to the amount \$22,812.22, and surpls and individual profits at \$14,000. The First National Bank of Lexington has a capital stock of \$50,000, deposits \$196,639.73, and surplus and undivided profits \$13,000.

For seven months Lexington has been under local option law, and during that time the Mayor's docket, the jail and reporter from merchants show a decided improvement. During the year 1893 the police docket shows that 407 persons were taken before the Mayor; 151 of whom were for being drunk. In 1900 there were 204 persons before the Mayor, of whom 204 persons before the Mayor, of whom 88 were for being drunk. These records show a decrease of arrests in general by one-balf, and for drunkenness by about

HISTORY OF A LIVE TOWN.

From a Water-Tank to an Important Manufacturing Centre in Few Years.

Manufacturing Centre in Few Years.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

PULASKI, VA. Dec. 31.—in the Year
1883 the town of Martin's Tank which is
now Pulaski, had less than fifty inhabitants, no industries, one small store
and no outlook for the future; just before the boom days the Norfolk and
Wastern Railway Company built a branch
line up what is known as the Crippie
Creek, and by so doing opened large fields
of zinc and fron ore, and as a result of
this numerous industries began to be established at Martin's Tank, the Bertha
Zinc and Mineral Company built a large
furnace, which now ranks as the largest
furnace of its kind in the United States,
the name of the place was then changed the name of the place was then changed to "Pulaski City," a large iron furnace was then creeted by the Pulaski Iron Company, and in a few years a large iron furnace was constructed by the Pulaski Development Company. Development Company.

The spelter manufactured by the Bertha people is the standard for the world, they having contracts with England, France, Germany and other foreign countries. This company now has in operation ten large furnaces besides a small refining Company is now owned by the Virginia Company have in operation, in connec-tion with their furnace, a large foundry and machine shop and two large sash, floor and blind factories.

In the year 1894 the court-house, which

was located at Newbern, four miles from the railroad, was burned, and after a hard fight it was decided to build it at Pulss-loi, the main inducement being that the town agreed to pay for it, and as a resuit of this there is now erected here a large two-story stone building with eight offices outside of the court-room, which building it fitted with all the modern improvements.

The Standard Oil Company have a branch office and tank here, which sup plies a targe territory with oil. Maple Shade Inn and Hotel Pulaski are

Maple Shade Inn and fixel runski are two of the langest and best furnished ho-icis in the South, the former belonging to the Virginia Company and the latter to the Putaski Land and Improvement Company, which latter company has done much to

which factor company has tools have. They walled up the creek that runs through the town at a cost of \$20,000.

The Virginia and Tennessee Telephone Company have their head office here, and have phone connections from here to Bristol and Roanoke with a subscription list

amounting to about 3,600.

The town now owns its own water plant, which they purchased from the Pulaski Light and Water Company at a cost of about \$35,000. The town has becently built and put into operation an electric light plant at a cost of \$12,000.

There are a large number of brick business and residences being com-

ness houses and residences being constructed now. Messrs, Gardner, Moore an Hunt are having built, by W. L. Bartocontractor, a large opera-house and stotallilles roblets when completed and for building, which, when completed and fur-nished, will be equal to any house of its kind this side of Lynchburg.

Business is steady, there being a large

Quick adjustment of losses made easy y insuring with the Virginia State. No

waiting. T. L. ALFRIEND, Agent.

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You have failed to add to Richmond's prosperity, if you have no policies with your City Company—the Virginia State Insurance Company. ROBERT LEE TRAYLOR, Agent.

number of merchants located here, all of whom do a good business.

Ab ngd m.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
ABINGDON, VA., Dec. 31—Ab.ngdon has closed the century with an exceptionally good year. Perhaps the leading feature of the usual business activity that has of the usual business activity that has distinguished the town is the rapid building of the Virginia-Carolina Rallway, connecting the town with the ride but undeveloped area that surrounds the junction of the three States—Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee—in the great white Top Mountain egion, twenty-five miles south of this point. This has added much life and susiners to the town.

miles south of this point. This has acted much life and business to the town.

The road is now running well on toward Damascus, at the Tennessee State line. Abingdon has, during the year, opened a new and excellent street, parallel to Main Street, and numerous new buildings have street, and numerical field plant is soon to be put on a new and improved basis, importing the vast water power of South Fork of Holston River, some eight miles by wire along the new Virginia-Carolina Railway, after the Niagara Kalle system and supplying any needed Falls system, and supplying any needed power for new enterprises that are ex-

power for new enterprises that are expected to result.

The two loteis at the railway station have made valuable and spacious extensions to their buildings. A pants factory is now being established in the west-end of the town, and quite a promising enterprise in the way of a local foundry is already in active operation. Not least, the Abingdon telephone has been consolidated with the Bristol telephone system, taking the name of the latter, and Abingdon now has telephone connection with all towns between Roanoke, Va. and Limestone.

has telephone connection which between Roanoke, Va. and Limestone, Tenn., including lateral connections to principal points in the county.

Abingdon has never had a year of easier business conditions, more abundant the business conditions, more abundant presents. resources and satisfactory financial pres-ent and outlook.

PEANUT HEADQUARTERS.

Suffolk Handling an Immense Produc t n. I's Other M nufacturies.

SUFFOLK, VA., Dec 31- Special.-During 1900, even down to the closing day of the century, there was no slackening in Suffolk's steady industrial growth. The year was marked by the development and calargement of several enterprises already established, besides the building of other new ones now in course of construction, with still eithers proposed, but yet in their inciplency. The growth of Suffolk's peanut trade is perhaps more remarkable than that of any other line. Three years ago there was not a peanut factory here. Now there are four large plants, two of which were established this year, while one of the others has moved into new and larger quarters.

The handsomest peanut building in suffolk, perhaps in the State, is that of Lummis & Company, Philadelphia capialists. This year they put up a four-story brick the century, there was no slackening in

mis & Company, Finiaucipina Capitalists. This year they put up a four-story brick plant near the entrance of the Eastern Norfolk and Carolina and Suffolk and Carolina railroads into East Suffolk.

Not far away from the Lummis & Com-

pany plant is another brand new one, built this year by Bain & Company, ex-perienced peanut men, who have done business some years at Wakefield, Va. That's a four-story wood structure.

The Suffolk Peanut Company outgrew their quarters and a few weeks ago they moved into a new brick building, near the intersection of the Norfolk and Western Railroad with Sycamore Street.
Improvements have been made in the
Nansemand Peanut Company's plant, lo-

cated on Nansemond river, near the foot of Main Street. A new peanut factory will soon begin operation at Windsor, Va.

A peanut plant has been put up during the year in Franklin.

the year in Franklin.

A large carriage factory is nearing completion on Riddick Street, Suffolk, opposite the plant of J. M. Butler & Sons, also carriage builders. A dyeing plant has been built in connection with the Suffolk Knitting Mills, whose output had been previously sent away to be colored.

The knitting mills have put in and are now operating a second hosiery plant near the intersection of the East Washington Street with the Norfolk and Western Railroad, Th's plant uses fewer employes than the other, but they are more skilled and their product is of a much more ex-

The dry kilns of the Gay Manufacturing Company, used by the Suffolk saw-mill Company, which were burned in June, have been rebuilt. The capacity of the six new ones is greater than that of the eleven that were burned.
A shirt factory has been put in at Main and Market Streets. White girls will be

A wood-working plant was put in opera-

by. Two ice-plants are proposed, and are ected to be in operation by spring.

A local concern has declared its inten-tion of bringing an ice-plant near the Scaboard Air-Line station. The Norfolk and Western has remodeled s Suffolk station. The Council has recently made a con-tract for a partial system of sanitary

A system of water-works is now in ourse of building at Smithfield. That town also has promise of electric

FARMVILLE-

A Progressive Business Town and Edneational Center.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) FARMVILLE, VA., Dec. 31.—Farmville enters the twentieth century with the brightest prespects in its history. Im-provement was made in every line of trade xcept the volume of tobacco sales, th result of short crop and unfavorable

Two and three-quarter million pounds of tobacco was sold upon the warehouse ficers at the close of the season of 1906. Real estate improvements during the duding the Masonic Temple nearly com pleted; knitting mill, with a capacity of one hundred and lifty dozen socks per day, which output will soon be doubled, and a number of very handsome store-thouses and dwellings.

The Farmville Fair, field last fall, gave

the enterprising merchants an opportunity which they gladly embraced, to better advertise and extend their business inter-

The new year also gives to Farmville

The outlook for the State Normal School ented here, is brighter than at any time its history. During the past year sever-l new buildings have been added, and the umber of pupils greatly increased. chool now has its own laundry, a gym in front of the Normal School stands the Confederate monument, lately erect ed by the Ladies' Memorial Association and Confederate Veterans, showing that, while Farmville is pressing forward in the march of progress, there yet lingers tender memories of the days gone by.

(Special Dispatch to The Times,)
SMITHVILLE, VA., Dec. 21.—This town
is the county seat of Charlotte county,
and was first known as Maysville. It was named after Madame Mary Read who donated to the county the handsome park upon which is situated the Courthouse, cicrk's office and jail. About twenty years ago it was incorporated un-der the name which it now bears. It has five large general merchandise

stores one drug store, two blacksmith and wheelwright shops, seve nehurches, three white and four colored, or the bul-tist. Presbyterian and Jethodist denomi-tist. Presbyterian and har-rooms. It has nations. It has no bar-rooms. It has one bank the Charlotte Banking and Inone bank the Charlotte Handing and In-surance Company, F. C. Thornton, eash-ier, This bank did a business last year of over a million dollars. It bas two

hotels, the Caledonian , completed about

hotels, the Caledonian , completed about a year ago, which is a very handsome building, under the management of Mrs. D. E. Masby, and the "Old Mick" which is at present unoccupied.

Three handsome residences have been erected during the year by Messrs. John H. Ingram, W. G. William and John H. Faris. Large additions have also been made to the residence of T. F. Morrado to the r Faris. Large additions have also been made to the residence of T. F. Morrissette, F. B. Watkins, Mrs. Florence Mosely and others. The town is in a healthy progressive state. The merchants stand well financially and doing a good, safe business. Negotiations are now going on for the construction of the Charlotte County, Rellroad, on which work is lotte County Railroad, on which work is expected to be begun at an early date.

KEYSVILLE.

Building Substantially Where the Fire #Swept Along. Farmers Prosp rous. (Special Dispatch to The Times.)

KEYSVILLE, VA., Dec. 31-Keysville is the most important town on the Souththe most important town on the South-ern Railroad between Richmond and South ern Railfoad between Richmond and South Buston, It is also the terminus of the Durham and Keysville Railfoad. It has a population of about 800; It has maintain-ed a stendy and healthy growth. Parties are negotiating for the purchase

a large vacant lot on which to erect a fine hotel.

This being the highest point between Richmond and Greensboro, makes it a very desirable location during the sum

mer. The present hotel cannot begin to accommodate the demand. During the year Mr. George E. Passmore has purchased the People's ware-house, which has been put in thorough re-pair, and now Keysville has a spiendid bacco market with an active corps of

Since the fire, the principal portion of since the fire, the principal potential the business part of town has been rebuilt with substantial brick store-houses. The Virginia Home Schools for Girls is located here. There is a public school and also private ones. The colored people also have a flourishing institute, incor-

porated, and a public school.

Mr. J. H. Willis has a manufacturing and planing mill in successful operation.

Cheerfut Under Adversity.

WEST POINT, VA., Dec. 21-Special.— During the year West Foint has had no During the year West Foint has had no boom, no great prosperity; but on the other hand has been visited by fire, tempest, sickness and death. Yet she has not only held her own, but in many respects prospered. Factories are building, houses have been built and others are now in course of erection. During the summer West Point developed into duite a summer resort. About 40,000 exquite a summer resort. About 40,000 excursionists visited here in about two wacks, from June 14th until July 4th. In addition to this, excursions came at intervals all the summer and autumn. It tervals all the summer and autumn. It is now definitely settled that the L. E. Mumford Banking Company will open a bank here in the Masonic Hail January 7th, 1901. Merchants and husbane. ganerally report a prosperous year, and are well pleased with their Christmas

Prof. Walker, of the West Point Male Academy, who was ousted, with his school, by the tornado of a few weeks ago, took his pupils to the Terminal Hotel. He is so much pleased that he will remain there the rest of the session.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) EMPORIA, VA., Dec. 31-Emporia, the county seat of Greenesville county, is steadily growing. The trade this fall in peanuts has been especially large, and though the cotton crop has much reduced on account of the drought, a large quantity was sold in this market, \$150,000 being expended for these two commodities

in Emperia this fall.

The factories are enlarging their plants, and others are contemplated. The merchants of the town report a much larger Christmas trade than in any previous year. Several attractive dwellings are in in Emporia this fall.

cess of erection. Within the last year the Greenesville Bank has moved into a handsome new building. This institution has been very

The financial condition of both the town and county is better than it has been for several years past.

Columbia.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
COLUMBIA, VA., Dec. 31.—Mr. S. S.
Alvis, who bought the ferry property in Columbia, has procured a cable wire and new boat and graded the road on both sides of the James river, which gives the people of Fluvanna and Cumberland better facilities for crossing than they have

flour is of superior quality and the farmers bring their wheat from quite a distance in order to get good flour made, which the Columbia Milling Company has the reputation of doing.

Boykins.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

BOYKINS, VA., Dec. 31.—The amount of business done here this year is slightly in advance of that of any other year. marked exception to this statement One marked exception to this state it is the trade of an enterprising merchant, whose business has nearly doubled that of last year, which was greatly in excess of

any former period.

Town lots have been sold at a very advanced figure. There is no vacant house, and there are several seeking to cate here. Boykins is rapidly becoming the centre

of the peanut belt. Frequently long tines of carts and carryalls conveying goobers for the gallery gods will be seen wending through the streets.

The Town of Ashland.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) ASHLAND, VA., Dec. 31-The busine ashband report an eminently sat-isfactory year, the Christmas trade being especially good. The most marked im-provement in any line has been in the shipment of wood and lumber, and, as a result, the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad freight receipts here from that source have increased over 50

er cent. The town now has a new jail, built in ie most modern and improved style at onsiderable cost. Randolph-Macon College, under the residency of Dr. W. G. Sterr, has increased patronage, and is in a flourishing conticion. The college has recently hought he residence of the late Professor Shep-

rd, and other additions to its plant are

South Beston. (Special Dispatch to The Times.) SOUTH BOSTON, VA., December 31.— More elegant dwelling, splendid cottages, and brick store-houses have been

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Keep the money for Fire Insurance at home by insuring with the Virginia State Insurance Company.
WILLIAMSON TALLEY, Agent.

built during the year than in any five years combined in the past, and they are all occupied. The wholesale and retail all occupied. The wholesale and letter trade has been eminently satisfactory. The Stebbins, Lawson, Spragin Company, wholesale dry goods, have increased their capital stock from \$50,000 to \$100,000. Wholesale grocers have had to build new

storage-houses, so great has been the vol-

Apout ten million pounds of tobacco has been sold on the market, which is greater than in any previous year. Two of the sales warehouses have greatly enlarged their buildings.

A large cotton factory is nearly completed, and will be in operation soon. The Virginia Wagon-Works have a mammoth factory, which has been in operation since Virginia Wagon-Works have a maintent factory, which has been in operation since Ju e The company has a capacity of 6,000 wagons, and are selling them as fast as they are finished. The Barbour Buggy Company has sold 4,000 vehicles during the year, and are reaching out for new territory.

The Boston Brick Company have made

erritory. The Boston Brick Company have made 1990-697 brick, for which there was a quick demand.

The Dan River Furniture Factory has turned out more work than in any pre-vious year, and are branching out for new fields.

new fields.

The Edmondson & Moorefield Planing
Mills with new machinery are working to
their full capacity, and can scarcely supply the increasing demand for lumber.

The Bank of South Boston and Planters' and Merchants' Bank have done a splendid business. Early next year a savings bank will be opened to accomodate a small trade, which is much needed.

The American Tobacco Company has completed a fine three-story prizery. Their agent buys nearly 2,000,000 pounds of to-bacco annually. The Continental buys many millions.

Until within a year stemmerles were unknown; now there are several, and the export business is increasing. On the whole, the year has been a good one in nearly every branch of business, and the outlook for 1901 is cheering. o. mera. City.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
MINERAL, VA., Dec. 31.—The year of MINERIAL, VA., Dec. of The year of 1800 closed with quite an average record of agricultural and mining business for talls section of Louisa county. The sulphur mine has maintained their usual quoto of shipments, while the Arminius mine has exceeded any previous annual shipments.

The sulptur mine has built a railway connecting the Virginia pyrites mines, a recently acquired property with that of the sulphur mines proper, on which cars for hauling the ore are operated by gravity, thus operating the two mines as one and increasing their shipments extensively. They have also built a large trestle for dumping car loads of coal consumed at the mines, and various other improvements have been made.

The Arminius mines have constructed thirteen tenement houses for men em-

hirteen tenement houses for men em-loyed at the mines, a large addition to their commissary building, and many im-provements in the arrangement of ma-chinery, notably, a recently constructed endless beit system by which the cre is taken from the crushers, washed, and earried to the cars ready for leading thus saving so much hauling as was for-

The Pyrites Mining and Chemical Co have built a large mill house and there is evidence of an increased shipment from mine.

Within the past month a syndicate from the West has (?) been prospecting on the property known as the "finder Flat" gold mine with many good "findings," which has, or will, result in the sale

of this property.

Four new dwelling houses have been built in the town, and the Chesapeake and Ohio have put in new ties, raised and ballasted the track from Louisa

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., Dec. 31.—
Business in all lines has been good and the city's corporate limits have enlarged, and property is perceiv

able in every direction.

During the year many handsome residences and substantial business houses have been erected and various public improvements made about the city. Ex-clusive of the one hundred thousand dollar "Teaching Hospital" just completed at the University, the city has expended about two hundred thousand dollars in new buildings and other improvements. The Charlottesville City and Suburban Railway Company is making material improvements by way of lessening the grades on its suburban line with the ever had at this place before.

The flour and the corn mill, both of which is run by Mr. Charles Willard & Hotel, which belongs to this company, is receiving much attention preparatory to the form. bemarle Horse Show Association is work-ing earnestly developing their recently acquired possessions, in order to have then

opened by the spring. In the city one of the most important. immediate improvements is that outlined by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company for the construction of a new and elegant depot and station, together with various contemplated improvements in the changing of street crossings with overhead bridges. The new structure, which the company proposes to erect, will be a combination of brick and stone, costing not less than \$30,000. It will con tain separate reception rooms for the races and all of the usual adjuncts of a first-class depot.

Onancocck.

ONANCOCK, VA., Dec. 31-Special. ONANCOUR, VA., Dec. 31—Special.— The year about closing has been a fairly prosperous one. In this town, large, hand-some brick blocks on North and Main Street almost cover the burned district of December 1800. Business generally is better than it has been for several years. In the county sweet polatices years. In the county, sween potatoes, the principal crop, brought nemunerative prices. The shipments have reached eight thousand barrels, and the average price was about one dollar per barrel net, 1' s estimated that other crops, with the water products—oysters, clams and fish, have brought as much more, making the

sales out of the county reach at least a million and a half dollars.

Labor is generally employed, and the ondition of the people compares favor

ably with any past year.

The towns, as a rule, are growing, and increased attention is being paid to the mprovement of the lands.

Tazewell.

TAZEWELL, VA., Dec. 31-Special.-Tazewell has enjoyed perhaps more than her share of prosperity during the past twelve months. Not that so many new enterprises have been brought up, but a neral and noticable prosperity in every branch of trade. The merchants of the town have carried larger and more upto-date stocks and sold more goods than in any year of the past, showing that the farmers and residents of the surrounding country have been presperous.

Since January 1st, 1900, there has been erected and stocked one of the most com

plete retail grocer establishments in this part of the State. Another hotel has onened, making three now in the town, all enjoying good patronage.

Tazewell is moving ahead slowly but surely, and still leads in the estimation of the public as the most prosperous little town in this part of the State.

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EASTVILLE, VA., Dec. 31-Special,-The year just closing has brought with it some hardships, owing to a failure of the Irish potato crop, but lately the advance of the oyster interest, the increase of business in that line all over the county, has had a tendency to greatly revive th people. This county has steadily advanced in wealth, and the new buildings going up attest in strongest terms to the increase and growth of population. One of the most healthy signs is that

in the past ten years the population has increased 35 per cent. Some of the choicest trucking lands of the State are found in this immediate vicinity, and the lands are in a good state of improvement.

PETERSBURG'S FINE BUSINESS.

Great Increase in the Lumber Trade Millions in Manufactures.

PETERSBURG, VA., Dec. 29.—There has been no phenominal stride in any branch of business in Petersburg during the past year, but both manufacturing and commercial industries have either maintained the record of the previous year or made advances.
Owing to the opening up of the timber

lands in Dinwiddle county by the Seaboard Air Line Railway, the amount of lumber shipped through this city has surpassed that of any year. Thirty million feet was inspected and fully sixty million feet was shipped from the city. The impetus to this industry has necessitated the enlarging of the city wharf, and now both sides of the river are used for shipping purposes. The trunk business amounts to considerably trunk business amounts to considerably over a million dollars and an increase of possibly two hundred thousand dollars was made in 1900. Seward's trunk factory in Petersburg is the largest in the United States, and is supposed to be the largest n the world.

The Virginia Trunk and Bag Company is now building a factory that will compare favorably in size with that of Sew-

The wholesale dry goods and shoe business amounted to two million dollars, and was an increase over the previous year, but the report next year will doubtyear, out the report next year will doubt-less show a decrease of ninety per cent, in the wholesale dry goods business as M. Cohen & Son will soon transfer to Richmond their large business now con-ducted in Patersburg.

ducted in Petersburg.

The volume of business done by the to-bacco, peanut and cotton manufactures will reach nine million dollars, five million of which is from the sales of tobactures with the sales with co. It was a good business year in Peters co. It was a good business year in Petersburg, but the profits were hardly relatively as large as the amount of business done, which was due to the fact that it was campaign year. There has been a great increase in the value of city real estate. Sales are not rapid, but all property has been bringing good prices, and the rent on most of the first-class houses has been increased.

has been increased.

There is not a store vacant on Sycamors Street, the main business street, and many of them have been thoroughly renewed and enlarged. The city has been much improved by recent street pavement, and the Council contemplates other important improvements in 1901. as been increased. improvements in 1901.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Interesting Facts About Richmond Citizens and Other Matters.

Detective John T. Hall is confined to his oom with indisposition. Mrs. Horace Clarke and son are visiting

in New Kent county. Mrs. Lizzie Woodson, who has been sick with pneumonia, is now able to sit

Mr. Franklin, who was seriously w ed on Christmas Day, continues to im-

Officer Werner is on duty at police headquarters, acting for Detective Hall, Mr. Nicholas Lovingberg, after spend

ing the holiday in Richmond with his children, has returned to Washington. Miss Lula Esther Clarke has returned, after spending the Christmas holidays with friends in High Point, North Caro-Prof. E. H. Russell, superintendent o

public schools of Bristol, is visiting his brother, Mr. W. W. Russell, No. 1507 Grove Avenue. Gibson, left for Newark this morning fo a visit of several weeks, with the fam-ily of Detective B. S. Kuapp.

Dr. M. Nuckols, a former surgeon in the ambulance service, who has been ill for some days, has been taken to the Virginia Hospital for treatment. Mrs. Samuel Torian, of Halifax county; Miss Halile Dickinson, of Hollins Insti-tute, and Miss Neille Dickinson, of New York, are on a visit to their father, Dr.

York, are on a visit to their t A. E. Dickinson, of this city. A. E. Berkinson, of this city.
Cadet-Sergeant Courtney Williams, of
V. P. I., who has been spending the holidays with his cousin, Mrs. William O.
Burton, No. 2014 East Broad Street, left for his home in Lynchburg.

A. Martines, a native of Cuba, is now in Richmond. Before the Spanish War he came to the United States, but at the beginning of hostilities he returned to his native country with the Texas Regu-Mr. Walker Hill, formerly of Richmond is spoken of for world's fair mayor of St. Louis. He is president of the Amer

ican Exchange Bank of that city, and was, until recently, president of the American Bankers' Association. Mr. Charles Ruehrmund, Jr., formerly or so been working for the Grand Cen-tral Railroad, in New York city, who was

here spending the Christmas holidays with his parents and friends, returned to Capt. Asa Rogers, Collector of Interna yesterday. He had nothing to say as to headquarters, for the reason that his appointment has not yet been

Mr. Lewis W. Burwell, manager of the Employment Bureau of the Citizens Re-dief Association, states that during the past twelve months places had been found for 63 women and girls, 56 boys and 34 men.

The regular meeting of Hickory Camp Woodmen of the World, will be held this evening at Taylor's Hall. A this meeting the officers for the year wil be installed, and after the business of the meeting has been completed a smoker will be enjoyed.

Miss Carrie Bitzel, of Baltimore, spending the holidays with her friends, Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Smith, No. 2314 East Marshall Street. Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Smith gave a reception in her honor last night. Miss Bitzel has a large circle of

Dr. Hidezo Ikeda, a representative of Dr. Hidezo Redat, a representative of the Japanese Government, is in the city. He has been sent here to examine Virginia mathods of raising and handling tobacco, with a view to introducing the best of these methods in his own country. Dr. Ideka is the guest of Mr. E. K. Vietor, of Bon Air. Victor, of Bon Air.

Electric Line.

A force of twenty mules and scrapers was put to work yesterday morning on th was put to work yesterday many of proposed electric line between Petersburg and Manchester. The grading was begun near the farm of Mr. Jere Nunnally. in Chesterfield county, and it is said will be contizued until the line is completed.

A Chicago inventor has perfected and patented a device for registering the number of calls on the telephone, which number of calls on the telephone, which has heretofore been tried in vain. It has long been the aim of telephone companies to adjust rates according to the number of calls, but the labor of keeping account of the same rendered it Im-practicable until the Chicago artisan sup-plied the long-needed invention, which is reported to be exceedingly simple.

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LEWIS D. CRENSHAW, Treasurer. Subscribed and sworn before me this 31st day of December, 1900. [Signed]

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BUSINESS OF THE SUDDEN DEATH CLOSING YEAR OF MR. G. M'LEOD

Conditions in Iron and Steel Have Been Very Sound.

COTTON GOODS TRADE FINE NO CAUSE FOR ACT IS KNOWN.

Loans secured by collat-

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This Has Revived the Building of Mills in the South-A Remark. ably Satisfactory Year for Farmers and Planters.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Dun's Review in its summary, reviewing the business of the year just closed, will say regarding the leading markets:

Conditions in iron and steel during 1900.

were much more sound than in the prewere much more sound than in the pre-ceding year when speculation was rife and prices inflated far beyond the bounds of reason. Statistics of the weekly capac-ity of furnaces in blast show that the highest point on record was reached Feb-ruary 1st, while there was little diminu-tion during the next few months, but with the collapse of speculation during the spring and realization of the fact that operations had been overdone, there came operations had been overdone, there came a steady reduction in output. From 296 furnaces in blast on February ist, there followed a continual shutting down until but 201 were in operation on November list, and the weekly production decreased \$2.710 tons. Even at this rapid rate of de-clining output, stocks accumulated with startling rapidity, and on October 1st the

top was reached at 60,531 tons.

Business conditions were satisfactory, however, and demand expanded, while exports of finished products grew very heavy when prices reached a level that made competition possible with British and German producers. In two months, ending December 1st, furnace stocks of pig iron decreased 113,895 tons, and the

tone was so much improved that many idle furnaces resumed.

MANUFACTURED ARTICLES. Manufactured articles have moved along similar lines. Quotations of iron and steel products at the beginning of the year were little below the level prevailing

year were little below the level prevaining thirteen years previous and the fall was almost uninterrupted until October, when the average was but 63.68 per cent. of the figure prevailing January 1, 1887.

The year 1999 opened with favorable conditions prevailing in nearly every branch of the dry goods trade. The home demand continued good for the first three demand continued good for the first three months and then fell away until by June the market had lapsed into pronounced duliness, and from a steady upward course prices began to gradually decline again. The arrest of buying was remark-able. In woollen goods stocks began to accumulate again, and their course up to the close of the year has shown proounced weakness in both men's wear, at the gain in prices made last year and in the early part of this has been lost in many directions, and where any re-mained at all is of limited extent. COTTON.

A sudden demand from China for heavy brown cottons in May, the first purchase made for that market in several months, was unfortunately checked by the outbreak of the Boxer rising, and since then there has been an entire suspension of buying for that country. In September another slimulus was given to cotton goods by the rapid advance in raw material, which followed the Galveston disaster and short crop predictions. Prices resumed their upward course and the market ruled strong again until the end of Cetober, when up as a rule, and, although some of the staple lines have eased off slightly, a fair-

ly steady tone has since prevailed.

The prosperous condition of the cotton goods trade last year and the early part of this has had a marked effect upon the cotton industry in the South, reviving the boom in mill building which previous depression had checked. A number of new 00 spindles to the productive capacity of

the South. After advancing from 18.01 cents as the After advancing from 18.91 cents as the average of one hundred grades of wool reported by Coates and Brothers on May 1st to 24.70 in December, 1899, it was only natural that the year 1900 should witness severe reaction and return to a more normal price. The decline was gradual and the year closed about 22 per seem shown the top price touched twelve ent, below the top price touched twelve months previous.
FARMERS PROSPEROUS.

The closing year of the century was a remarkably satisfactory one for farmers and planters, notwithstanding the fact that some sections harvested smaller crops than in preceding years. While the South produced less cotton than in the two preproduced less cashing seasons, prices were the highest in ten years, and the net profits made on plantations were enor-mous. Spring wheat States lost much mous. Spring wheat States lost much grain, but Kansas and other large winter wheat growing States made big crops, and the average price was high. In fact cereals were all abnormally advanced until there occurred a natural loss in exports, so that Russian ports were able to secure much foreign trade that had belonged to

American producers.

Corn was put up to within a fraction of 50 cents here, and peculative manipulation forced the Chicago price still higher. lous effect on expertation and foreign sur-plus countries respect much of the benefit from excessively inflated domestic mar-kets.

Marriage licenses have been issued to Walter G. Pyrin and Grace Gentry and James John hovey and Grace Wilkinson, both marriages took place yesterday.

Well-Known Gentleman Kills Himself With Pistol.

Was Secretary and Treasurer of Tobacco Exchange-Served as Private Secretary to Two Governors-A

Native of Georgia,

The many friends of Mr. Cazneau McLeod were shocked yesterday to learn of his death at his residence, No. 317 West Franklin Street. His body was found in his bath room at 6:30. He had killed himself with a pistol. The muzzle was placed in his mouth to be fired. Just what time in the night Mr. Mc-Leed left his bed chamber for the closet

s not known. Why he should have killed himself is ily explaining his motive. His determina-tion to put an end to his existence must

have been very suddenly arrived at-Mr. McLeod has been somewhat depress ed in spirits of late. His health was fairly good, though he suffered somewhat from dyspepsia. He owned considerable property in Galveston, Texas, and it is thought by many that he had information of its determined. destruction by the great storm that swept ever that city in September. He did not talk often about his business affirs, not even to the members of his family.

SKETCH OF HIS LIFE.

Mr. McLeod was fifty-four years of age. He was born in Georgia. His father was General McLeod, who was a prominent figure in the affairs of the Texas Republic, preceding the war with Mexico. General McLeod is burried in the grounds of the State Capitol at Austin. Mr. Mc-Leod's mother was a Miss Lamar, and she came of a great and distinguished family. Justice L. Q. C. Lamar was her

near relative.

Mr. McLeod was educated at the University of Virginia. He spent two years in Savannah, Ga., and came to Richmond about thirty years ago. He mar-ried Miss Jennie Marshall, daughter of Mr. William Marshall, long British Vice-Consul here. He was during the most of the time of his residence here identified with the tobacco trade.

He was for many years and at the time of death secretary and treasurer of the Kichmond Tobacco Exchange.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNORS. Mr. McLeod served as private secretary to Governor Lee during the latter part of his term. He was Governor McKin-Mr. McLeod was a modest man. He did not mix much with the masses of the people. He had his few intimate friends, and these were endeared to him by the ties of what might be termed al-most brotherly affection. Those whit knew him best say he was a man of the

noblest character.

Mr. McLeod leaves, beside a widow four children, as follows: Hugh McLeod, who has a position with_a mining commore has a butte City, Montana; Alfred McLeod, private secretary to Coke & Pickrell; Lamar McLeod, a youth of about fourteen years, and Miss Virginia

He had a good record as a private in the Confederate army under General Joseph Wheeler.

THE MOSQUITO F LEET Leave Hampton Roads for Their Long Journey to Manila.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NORFOLK, VA. Dec. 31.-The Mosquita fleet sailed from Hampton Roads for Ma-nila yesterday and passed Cape Henry, outward bound, at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. They had fair salling weather, but a wretchedly cold rain was falling as the little vessels passed out to see. The pression had checked. A number of new mills have been added and many more are in course of erection. It is probable that when the year's statistics are compiled they will show the addition of nearly 1,000.—

ternoon. They had fair salting weather, but a wretchedly cold rain was failing as the little vessels passed out to sea. The fleet, which it is designed shall further strengthen the coast guard about the strengthen the coast guard about the Philippines, preventing the Filipinos from smuggling in war munitions, comprises the United States gunboat Annapolis, rated as third-class; the converted yacht Frolic, and the gun tugs Pisquataqua and Wom-patuck. The Annapolis, the flagship, is the largest of the vessels. She is of 33 net tons, is 168 feet long, her mean draft is 12:05 feet. She was built by Lewis Nixon, Elizabethport, N. J., and was commis-sioned in 1897. The smallest of the fleet is the tug Wompatuck. She is 117 feet long, 25:03 feet wide, of 130 tons register. She draws 12 feet of water. She is the slowest vessel and, therefore, the pace-maker for the fleet, her indicated speed being but 13 knots, which she is unlikely to develop on this voyage. The Pisqua-tauqua, the other war tug, is slightly more than twice as big as the Wompa-

tuck. The Frolic, which was Mrs. Hanna's yacht, is of 190 tons register, 155 feet long, 25 feet breadth and draws 10:04 feet of water. She was built in 1892 by the Globe Iron Works, Cleveland, Ohio, and was repaired at the Norfolk Navy-yard, beginning July, 1899, at a cost of a trifle over \$10,000. All the vessels are in thorough repair and are it for the voyage, which expairs and are it for the voyage, which expairs and are it for the voyage. pair and are at for the voyage, which experts believe they will accomplish safely within 90 days. They will coal at several ports on the voyage, the first of which Bermuda is designated to be. They took on here all the coal they could safely carry. The coal capacity of the Annapolis is 225 tons.

Every citizen of Richmond should in-sure a portion, if not all, of his property (real and personal) in the Virginia State Insurance Company.

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